Fish Ranches Held Soon to Be Common As Cattle Ranches

MIAMI BEACH.—If many experts are correct, it won't be long now until fish ranches will be as common as cattle ranches.

Dr. Harold Vogtborg, president of the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio and Houston, tells of experiments in herding and fencing fish.

The day is fast approaching, he says, when there will be huge shallow water fish ranches with the "fish ranchers" devoting their efforts to scientific breeding and harvesting of fish.

"Fish are intelligent," he reports. "Sometimes I think they are more intelligent than some humans. They have eating habits that most resemble the hog's.

"Like the hog, they like corn and eat great quantities of spinach. A fish's favorite meat is hamburger."

He said many experiments were being made in cross-breeding and artificial insemination.

Dr. James Nelson Gowanlock of New Orleans tells of the spectacular growth of the menhaden fish industry. He said the menhaden industry produced 49 per cent of the 56,200 tons of fish oil last year.

Menhaden, which is not edible, is used in the manufacture of poultry feed, paint, fertilizer, and even lipstick, he said.

Women Have Changed Ideas About Decoration Colors

CANTON, OHIO—During the past three years, women have changed. Not psychologically, but certainly in the matter of taste in decoration.

You can't sell the little woman those "tenement tans" anymore when she decides to redecorate her house.

No, indeed! Take it from Spencer Stuart, Chicago promotion manager for a paint firm!

During the period from 1946 to 1949 women's taste in interior decoration changed. Now they want greens and grays for their living-room walls. And they want cheery yellows for their kitchens.

Before the war, Stuart said, the nation's housewives wanted colors like cream, ivory, buff and putty. These are the tints called "tenement tans."

80-Year-Old Office 'Boy' Takes Delight in Tasks

NEW YORK, N.Y.—In the course of his 80 years, Orley J. Church has sold everything from groceries to life insurance. He has been a farmer, a soldier, an undertaker's assistant and a shipping clerk. But it wasn't until he reached 71 that he found the job he says he likes best.

Five days a week, Church takes the subway from the furnished room where he lives alone here to the Cushman baking plant in Long Island City. He walks briskly up two flights of stairs, hangs up his hat and coat and assumes his duties as office boy.

Like most businesses, Cushman's general office opens at 9 a.m. Church is always there at 7. Startled company officials first tried to point out he wasn't expected that early, but it didn't do any good. "I enjoy it," the office boy told them.

He joined the baking firm following the death of his wife, Effie, after a prolonged illness which took most of his savings. All his close relatives are dead. A fellow church member helped him get a job with Cushman's and the arrangement turned out to be a happy one.

Upon Church's 80th birthday, a special cake was baked in his honor. The company's top officers invited him to luncheon. They gave him a raise and a letter from Gordon S. Cushman, the firm's president.

"You have always created an atmosphere of enthusiasm and exuberance, which has been extended to all those around you," it said.

Frank Rollent, the office manager, is constantly thwarted by Church in efforts to keep the office boy from running up and down stairs.

Girls Crash Barracks Site In New USO Try-Out Plan

FORT DEVENS, MASS. — The hardest gate for any girl to crash is the entrance to the men's barracks on a military post. For any girl, that is, except a strawberry blond named Alice Lutz and 199 other New England girls.

Alice and company not only crashed the gate—they took it over. The army bowed to femininity and put shades on the windows, a frippery unheard of in male barracks. There was also a large "Off Limits" sign and an equally large MP at the front door.

The girls were some of the new crop of USO hostesses taking over for wartime volunteers who have become "too old" for today's teen age servicemen. And for the first time in either army or USO history, they were getting on the spot training at a military post to see what army life is like and how USO girls should behave, look, talk and dress while on duty.

The army gave it to them straight. In four wooden barracks, unused since wartime, the 200 girls from three New England states slept on GI cots. They made up by distorted tin mirrors and bathed in the tin GI showers.

Hundreds Seek King of Beggars' Secret Writings

MONTAUBAN, FRANCE.—More than 300 people went to the village of St. Pierre, near here, to mourn at the grave of Joseph Cheroux who died at the age of 88.

Why? They didn't come simply out of respect, or to mourn himself. They came also in hopes of obtaining his memoirs, the fabulous "book of beggars," and they offered his relatives fabulous sums for it.

"We should have loved to sell out to the highest bidder," said Charles, the oldest son. "One man was ready to pay 200,000 francs—roughly about $700—for a copy. Alas! The trouble is that we, ourselves, cannot find the manuscript. The old man hid it somewhere and we don't know where to look for it."

Reticent About Fortune

Charles was reticent about the fortune which the old "papa" had left, but he admitted that his father had died a rich man. Most of this money came from beggars in France, Holland and Belgium, and consisted of fees paid to "Papa Cheroux."

Joseph Cheroux, the "king of the beggars," possessed that inventive genius, combined with an extraordinary ability for big scale organization, that makes men captains of industry. Fifty years ago he decided to apply his great talents to the organization of the legging fraternity.

Cheroux did two things for his profession: He effered new methods of begging, for a small share in the earnings, or a substantial fee; he also compiled the first "Directory for Beggars"—a fat volume with the names of many thousands of rich "donors" in western Europe and Britain.

Cheroux invented over a hundred new tricks for street beggars.

Look at the poorly dressed man carrying a heavy suitcase. A small boy accompanies him, holding his hand. He stops a passer-by and asks, in the broad dialect of the countryman, how he could get beds for the boy and himself for a shilling. He came to the city this morning, and had his purse stolen by a pickpocket at the railway station. The little boy nods his head, and cries: "I'm hungry, daddy." Believe it or not several pounds a day can be made with this little act.

Favorite Trick

Even more successful, according to Cheroux, was his "match trick" —prerequisites: An old man or woman, poorly dressed but clean and neat, and a box of matches. At dusk, in one of the 'good' streets, the old beggar lights a match and looks along the gutter.

Alas and alack, she has dropped a coin, a half dozen piece that should have paid for her supper and the return fare to a distant suburb. Kind hearted people try to help her find the coin. They dip into their own pocket to console the distressed old being.

Cheroux's cynical suggestion to his clients: "Most people are busybodies—they will ask you what you are doing when they see you light your match. Take many boxes."

Treasure in Old Towels Found in Mansion Trunk

CHICAGO, ILL.—A treasure in diamonds has been found in the false bottom of a trunk in the cluttered old mansion of a 95-year old widow who died recently.

Ralph Berkowitz, attorney for a trust company, disclosed the find. He said the diamonds weighed about 1,050 carats and were set in 300 pieces of jewelry.

The gems were found stuffed into medicine bottles and match boxes. Some were wrapped in yellow, crumbling newspapers. The value of the treasure had not been determined.

Berkowitz estimated that the diamonds, together with uncrated antiques which filled many rooms of the rambling mansion, would bring the estate of Mrs. Lnda Bell Titus Knox to more than $500,000.

Mrs. Knox died in a small third floor room in the mangion in a once prosperous west side neighborhood.

Neighbors knew that Mrs. Knox was wealthy. Her estate included 27 pieces of real estate in the Chicago area. She also owned homes in Rivas Forest and Wilmington, Ill. Not even her lawyers knew of her interest in diamonds.

In addition to the gems found in the house, 79 pieces of jewelry, about half containing diamonds, were found in her bank vault.

A search of littered desk drawers in her home turned up $5,000 in cash and $22,000 in uncashed checks and money orders. Berkowitz said many of the checks were so old they could not be cashed because of the statute of limitations.

Humans Get Paid To Serve Science As 'Guinea Pigs'

LONDON.—Come in and have a free honeymoon on the Harvard hospital here. In fact, you'll get paid for it.

Of course, there's a catch. The catch is that you are expected to catch a cold and sniffle a week or 10 days for science.

The hospital is in the midst of an elaborate research, financed by the ministry of health, to learn the truth about colds, what starts them and how they can be cured.

So, it offers holidays with pay to persons who don't mind putting up with a little fever. The inconvenience of enduring a nice little controlled cold, of having aches and sneezes charted by eager scientists, hasn't discouraged volunteers.

In three years more than 1,500 persons have agreed to be guinea pigs and what they have contributed to the literature of cold research has filled many fat volumes.

Could Use Chimps

"We could use chimpanzees," hospital officials say, "but they are more expensive to get and support than human volunteers."

Certain conditions are attached to the paid honeymoon or holiday offer.

Volunteers are paid three shillings (about 42 cents) a day and are entitled to a pint of free beer. They live in comfortable, prefabricated apartments with radios and telephones. There is a lot of good food, and for entertainment there are walks in the pleasant countryside, books and facilities for badminton and table tennis.

But the volunteers must keep to themselves. Their colds must be strictly their own private affairs, uncontaminated by wildcat colds or other vagrant diseases they might pick up from outsiders.

Must Remain Aloof

They must not go into taverns, shops or theaters, or ride on busses and trams. They must not permit an outsider to approach within 30 feet.

So strict is this condition that a special technique has been developed to deliver food to the pampered folks who have colds on purpose. A waiter goes to a pre-fab door with food in specially designed containers. He sets it down, rings the bell and runs. The volunteer within must count to 60 before opening the door, and by that time the waiter is expected to be 30 feet away.

For the isolated volunteers it usually is a pleasant fortnight to sit quietly and think about things. It's an ideal opportunity for a couple of friends to get off by themselves. Honeymooners are favored because they are less likely than others to stray around impatiently.

Law Making It Difficult On Woman Doing Kind Deed

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.—The law is making it plenty tough on Mrs. Nelson Dinkle, who only did a kind deed. She found six calves roaming along the highway near her farm near Seymour. She had no facilities for the calves, so put them in her own chicken yard hoping the owner would come get them.

The law relating to estrays—valuable animals, not wild, found wandering from their owner—says that Mrs. Dinkle must care for the cattle for one year. Then she can sell the calves, deduct the year's upkeep cost from the proceeds and turn the remainder over to the county.

The law says she must do other things, too. She must report to county officials her findings, get the value of the calves appraised and have a public notice published for three weeks.

Mrs. Dinkle said she had no way of caring for the calves and hoped the owner would see the ad she ran in the paper and come and claim his livestock.

New, or 'Lost' Comet Discovered Near Pisces

PASADENA, CALIF. — The California Institute of Technology has reported that a new, or "lost" comet has been discovered by astronomers at Mount Palomar observatory.

Dr. Alber G. Wilson and his assistant, R. G. Harrison, identified the comet from photographs taken by the giant Schmidt telescope.

At first they believed the heavenly body was a minor planet, but changed their identification when later photographs showed a tail. Distance and size of the comet were not determined, but Dr. Wilson said it is in the constellation of Pisces and was moving away from the sun.

The discovery was made from some of the first photographs taken with the 48-inch Schmidt telescope for the five-year National Geographic society survey of the universe.

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Silence Sure With Visitors To High Court

WASHINGTON—There is no excuse for a guest in the chambers of the U. S. supreme court to be kicking up any noise, for the first thing he gets with his pass is a slip on which is printed: "Silence is requested."

However, the request is hardly necessary.

One gets little but silence in the plushy room with its marble pillars, deep crimson drapes and enough cubbyholes to keep a family of pigeons happy for a generation.

The plain fact is, the acoustics are terrible in the Hemillion-dollar building, which was finished in 1935 without thought either to acoustics or air-conditioning.

The hearing part got an airing a couple of years ago when Justice Felix Frankfurter remarked at the end of a reading of a learned decision:

"The acoustics in this court room ought to be declared unconstitutional."

Tourist Can't Hear

Tourists who beg and plead for passes into the small room on Supreme court Mondays go away wagging their heads. They can see the dignified, black robed justices but can't hear much they say. Unless they are lip readers, they have to go out and buy the latest paper.

As a matter of fact, some of the justices can't hear one another. By chance, the two newest justices—Tom Clark and Sherman Minton—are at opposite ends of the bench. All they can do is wave.

A committee, comprised of Hugo, Black, Minton and Clark, is said to have been appointed to see what can be done about it.

According to David Lynn, the architect of the capitol, it will take a bit of doing.

The situation got so bad a couple of years ago, he said, that the bureau of standards—which can solve any problem—was called in. The experts installed fifty dozen crimson drapes with rugs to match. That didn't help.

Justices No Help

The bureau of standards engineers were called back and called for elimination of the many alcoves, which suck in the sounds. It was decided that would call for practically rebuilding a mighty expensive building.

The justices themselves aren't helping the acoustics situation much. Justice Black tips his swivel back so far he talks to the ceiling. Justice Stanley Reed has a soft voice. Frankfurter leans forward and puts out a staccato stream and Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson is hard to understand with his Kentucky drawl.

There have been a lot of suggestions. Individual microphones, a horse shoe bench.

Even hearing aids for the spectators and press.

Uncle Sam Says

Have you ever stopped to analyze the reasons why Christmas Day has such a tremendous hold on you and your family? Of course there's the real significance of the day, and the tree and family reunion, but back of these huge events is a feeling of safety and security. Safety and security are linked with financial well being, firm underpinnings for your very home. Regular systematic savings out of your income produce safety and security. The best way to save effectively is to save before you spend. You can do this very thing by signing up on Payroll Savings Plan for buying United States Savings Bonds where you work, or enrolling in the Bond-A-Month Plan where you bank if you are self-employed.

U. S. Treasury Department

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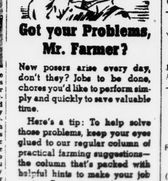

Got your Problems, Mr. Farmer?

New posers arise every day, don't they? Jobs to be done, chores you'd like to perform simply and quickly to save valuable time.

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Town of Appomattox Council
(11tc)

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DIVIDEND NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the Bank of Appomattox, Appomattox, Virginia, has declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 3% and a Special Dividend of 2%, payable December 31, 1949. Checks will be mailed.
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Local Happenings

RICHARD EAGLE

Richard G. Eagle, Jr., 25, of Concord was killed in a two-car automobile accident at 10 P. M. Sunday in Lynchburg. Four other were injured in the accident.

He was the son of Richard Gaspar and Pearl Phelps Eagle. He is survived by his parents and by one sister, Mrs. Nellie Milner, of Nathalie.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Tuesday from the home of his parents, by the Rev. D. M. Spence, with burial in the family cemetery. Active pallbearers were Lyle Eagle, Burton Crews, Johnny Crews, Kinkle Campbell, Thomas Eagle, and Grover Eagle.

LEE CLUB PARTY

The Lee Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual Christmas party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Crews Friday, December 30 at 7:30 P. M.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. A. L. Kress announces the engagement of her daughter, Hazel Belle, to J. P. Johnson, Jr. No date has been set for the wedding.

ENGAGEMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Hal Flood Clark, of Pamplin announces the engagement of her daughter, Anne, to Earl James Smith, Junior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl James Smith, of Rice, Va.

Miss Clark attended Longwood College, Farmville, Va. Mr. Smith is a graduate of William and Mary College. He was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seay have announced the birth of a son, Charles Mitchell, born last Tuesday in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Doss Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Guill, Mr. and Mrs. Burke Guill, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ferguson, and Eleanor; Miss Nellie Doss, and Bobby Allan Doss, Earl Johnson, Johnny Holycross, James Guill, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Doss and two small sons; Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle, Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt Delaware Doss, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doss, Mr. and Mrs. James Guill, Jessie Guill and Wilson Guill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Puckett, of Keysville and Mrs. Edd Payne and two children, of Darlington Heights are spending today with Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss.

Mr. and Mrs. Enid Phelps and family spent Sunday with Howard Phelps, of near Oakville.

Mrs. G. C. Gordon and son, of Richmond visited relatives here this week.

Miss Barbara Johnson spent several days this week with Miss Verta Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lawson spent several days this week in Washington.

Trinity Road

Trinity Road, Dec. 28.- Merry Christmas to everybody!

The holiday season was passing very peacefully and happy until the tragic death of R. G. Eagle, Jr., on Christmas night in an automobile accident in Lynchburg. We extend deepest sympathy to his family.

Clayton Drinkard, Jr. has sailed from Japan for the States.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson and family had as their guests Sunday night for supper her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ripley, Jr. and sons, Danny and Sammy, and Mrs. John D. Ripley, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A Drinkard and Mr. Glenn Drinkard, of Lynchburg and Paul Drinkard, of Appomattox and Blackstone were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard Christmas Day.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and children and Mrs. Bondurant's mother, Mrs. W. T. Younger, of Rustburg, were dinner guests of "the Herndons" Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and daughter, of Richmond are spending the holidays with Mrs. Lloyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parris.

Mrs. R. H. Routon is spending several days with her son, Wilton Routon and family, and friends in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton, Jr. had Christmas breakfast with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crawley, at Appomattox.

Mrs. John Smith and daughter, Betty, of Abingdon arrived Monday night to spend the week with her mother, Mrs. S. E. Anderson, and sister, Mrs. Martin Kraus, and Mr. Kraus.

Mrs S. E. Anderson and family were supper guests of the "Clayton Drinkards" Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Lula Taylor had her entire family with her Monday, including Mrs. Iva Taylor Watson and family of Staunton; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Taylor, of Tennessee, there for several days; Mrs. Clare Taylor and family, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Mary Lucy Taylor Stratton and family, of Stonewall, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor expect to leave Thursday for a short stay in Mt. Airy, N. C. to visit Mrs. Taylor's relatives.

Miss Virginia Herndon entertained at a dinner party on Monday evening. Her guests included Misses Ann Thomas, Mildred Morgan, and Messers. W. E. Bondurant, Kelly Stratton and Bud Harding.

Mrs. Ola Pattrick and daughters, Patsy and Jean are spending the holidays with relatives near Charlotteville.

Church News

Memorial Methodist Church
Appomattox, Va.
R. Cecil Maxwell, Minister

9:45 A. M. Sunday School. Claude W. Smith, Superintendent.

11 A. M. Morning Worship. New Year Sermon, "These Abide." Adult Choir.

6:30 P. M. Junior - Intermediate Choir Practice and Fellowships.

6:45 P. M. M. Y. Fellowship.

7:30 P. M. "Another Year's Race" —The Youth Choir.

7:30 P. M. Sunday, January 8, Dr. T. P. Carroll will preach.

7:30 P.M. Wednesday, Jan. 4 - the Board of Sewards meet.

A cordial welcome to all. Nursery at 11 A. M. every Sunday.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH
G. Edward Hughes, Pastor

Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Morning Worship at 11 A. M.
Training Union at 7 P. M.

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Morning Worship at 11 A. M. Sermon: "They Found the Church There, But Will They Find It Next Time?"

Brooklyn 'Hermit' Has Changed View; Talks of Romance

NEW YORK.—The Brooklyn hermit, Paul Makushak, who was dug from a 10-year exile in a cramped, filthy hole in the wall almost a year ago, now has a new slant on life.

He is living a normal life, he says, and wants to "forget" the past. He is a husky, 33-year old man who now works in his father's tailor shop.

His ill kempt beard is gone. His tangled hair of the hermit days has been cut and now is kept neatly combed. Neat clothes have replaced the rags he wore.

"I was contented in there," he recalled of his strange exile. "I did not want to come out. I was tired. I was sick of the world. I enjoyed the rest. I did not like the way the world was going. I never had a desire to leave the place, but I would not want to go back. Now I have different ideas."

Makushak was sealed in his cubicle in 1939. It had no running water, no toilet and only a dim light. His mother lowered food to him through a hole and guarded the secret of his existence for years.

He finally was dug out by police after his mother went to a hospital.

Makushak said he is interested now in the outside, in radio, television and store windows filled with articles he had forgotten.

The future?

"I hope to get married," said the onetime hermit of Brooklyn. "I want my own home. I want to live a normal life."

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